

## **REGULAR MEETING – July 14, 2020**

President Hackl called the meeting of the Muscoda Village Board to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Kratochwill Memorial Building. The following members were present: Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Blood, Miller and Wiederholt. Also present: Schramm, Wardell and Johnson.

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** **Motion** Anderson, second Wiederholt to accept the Proof of Publication. **Motion carried.**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Motion** Wiederholt, second Anderson to accept the Regular and Special minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

**APPEARANCE:** Greg Griswold-keeping dogs on a leash. Mr. Griswold stated that while his dogs swim in the Wisconsin River they are not on a leash. He asked to amend the Village Ordinance to exempt the leash law near the river. Chief Schramm stated it would be difficult to enforce exempting one area versus another. **Motion** Anderson, second Bartlett to leave the current ordinance Section 7-1-6(c) as is, dogs shall be on a leash. **Motion carried.**

**APPEARANCE:** Lowell Ewing-keeping chickens within Village limits. Mr. Ewing presented information on the chickens he has, the type of structure they are kept in and requested the Village to allow chickens in the Village. The Board discussed the request and decided to have Chief Schramm draft an ordinance to be presented at the August Board meeting. The ordinance should prohibit roosters and have a permitting process.

**APPEARANCE:** Tammy Turkelson-new business venture, activities for youth. Ms. Turkelson was not present.

**APPEARANCE:** Ron Stone-garbage/recycling totes for commercial business. Mr. Stone explained that he owns the old theater which he rents out a couple times a year and has four apartments in the building. His understanding is that the Village, through contract, pays for garbage and recycling for residential homes up to four units. This contracted dollar amount is included in the general fund expenditures and included on all tax statements (residential, commercial and industrial); so he is paying for a service on his taxes but does not get the service as he has a commercial building. Stone stated that his tenants do not generate much garbage and is asking for two totes-one for garbage and one for recycling. One suggestion was for the Village to provide two totes for Commercial since they are paying for the service. The Board instructed Johnson to place totes for Commercial properties on the August agenda.

**APPEARANCE:** Iowa County Administrator Larry Bierke, proposed fiber line. Mr. Bierke was present to inform the Village that Iowa County has applied for a grant to fund a fiber optic line from Hwy 23 by Spring Green to Muscoda. Since Muscoda lies in both counties, residents/businesses in Muscoda would benefit greatly from a new fiber line. Bierke's mission at this time is to try and find additional financial support for the project. A commitment is not needed immediately but he would like the Village to consider supporting the installation.

## DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- a. **Contract #1-G-Pro Excavating Pay Application #2 and Change Order #1.** Engineer Bart Nies presented the final pay application from G-Pro for reconstruction of the boat landing. There is a reduction of \$10,797.09 from the original contract due to exact quantities used. The Board discussed the dock and installation. The poles have been installed with cables holding the second section in place. **Motion** Wiederholt, second Blood to approve the final pay request and change order #1 from G-Pro in the amount of \$27,204.31 for boat landing construction. Payment will not be mailed until lien waivers are received. **Roll call vote: Yes-Wiederholt, Blood, Bartlett, Bindl, Anderson, Miller and Hackl. No-none. Motion carried.**
- b. **Contract #1-Badger Environmental & Earthworks Pay Application #2:** Nies reported the the sanitary sewer is completed and most all of the water main is in. Street work will begin within the next week or so. **Motion** Blood, second Bartlett to approve pay request #2 from Badger Environmental in the amount of \$160,559 for Maple Street project. **Roll call vote: Yes-Miller, Anderson, Bindl, Bartlett, Blood, Wiederholt and Hackl. No-none. Motion carried.** Payment will be made once funds are received from CDBG.
- c. **Contract #2-Municipal Well & Pump Pay Application #2:** Nies reported that some of the tests have been completed on the well and quality is good and quantity is excellent. **Motion** Anderson, second Miller to approve pay request #2 from Municipal Well & Pump in the amount of \$57,730 for Well #4 project. **Roll call vote: Yes-Wiederholt, Blood, Bartlett, Bindl, Anderson, Miller and Hackl. No-none. Motion carried.** Payment will be made once funds are received from CDBG.
- d. **Sanitary sewer rate increase options:** Nies distributed three options for a proposed sewer rate increase. He noted that there has not been a rate increase in over 21 years. In order to meet existing and future obligations including replacement fund and sludge removal fund; the overall increase needs to be around 42%. The increase can be in the base charge, the volume charge or a combination of both. The increase should also include the flat fee users. Nies was instructed to provide options that reflect an equal increase in both base and volume, phase in over 3 years or 5 years and designate \$50,000 to the replacement fund.
- e. **Change machine at park:** Patrons of the campground have asked about a change machine for shower use. Johnson was instructed to research getting a machine.
- f. **Repair or replace mosquito sprayer:** Wardell received a quote from Clarke for \$14,276.12 to purchase a new mosquito sprayer as the one we have is beyond repair and is over 20 years old. **Motion** Anderson, second Bartlett to approve the quote from Clarke for \$14,276.12 for a new mosquito sprayer and use fund balance for payment. **Roll call vote: Yes-Wiederholt, Blood, Bartlett, Bindl, Anderson, Miller and Hackl. No-none. Motion carried.**
- g. **Layout of cremation area and monuments:** Johnson is working to schedule a meeting with Jim and Sally Goodwiler to discuss the cremation site and layout.
- h. **Seasonal campsite application:** none
- i. **Allocation of Covid-19 Recharge funds through WPPI:** The Village will be receiving \$4,200 from WPPI Energy to be used prior to the end of October for COVID related disbursement.
- j. **Allocation of Community Contributions funds through WPPI:** This fund has \$1,500 for distribution prior to yearend for a community project, ie: Rescue Squad, advertising, meal site, park improvements, etc.
- k. **Eagle Scout project request:** Hackl explained that she has been contacted by a Boy Scout who is trying to achieve Eagle Scout level. He supplied a written narrative and photos of proposed project. It was decided that he should attend the next Special Meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**LIBRARY BOARD REPORT:** A copy of the January 29, 2020 and June 3, 2020 minutes were in packets. Hackl reported there is no change to the Library's hours due to COVID, curbside pickup only.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT:** The Fall Opener has been cancelled.

**GRANT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** No meeting.

**GRANT COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL REPORT:** No meeting.

**REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS & ACTION ON ATTENDANCE AT VARIOUS MEETINGS:** No meetings.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Schramm submitted his monthly report. With the proceeds from the auction items, he would like authorization to purchase a thermal imaging camera. The fee box for the boat landing was made and donated by Tom Nelson. The Chief asked about outdoor permits and if the Board wanted to be informed prior to the activity. **Motion** Bartlett, second Anderson to approve the Police report, authorize purchase of thermal imaging camera with proceeds from police auction items and only report entertainment permits if there is a problem. **Motion carried.**

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Wardell submitted his monthly report. He also reported that the utility crew has been working on Scot Industries transformers with Richland Center utilities and it should be considered training and not billed to Scot Industries. With the increased use of the Riverside Park, parking is becoming an issue. He asked if some gravel could be put down by the horse shoe pits for overflow parking. **Motion** Bartlett, second Miller to approve the Superintendent Report and established an "overflow" parking area by the horseshoe pit on Mechanics Street. **Motion carried.**

**ADMINISTRATOR CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:** Johnson submitted her monthly report. A user of the boat landing asked about a "no fishing from dock" sign for safety. Chief stated that he has not received any complaints about fishing off of the dock. Also discussed establishing a Cemetery Committee versus the entire Board. Fall festival - it was decided not to hold any festival this year. **Motion** Blood, second Bartlett to accept the report and establish a Cemetery Committee, and to not put a sign on the boat dock. **Motion carried.**

**ACTION ON LICENSES:** **Motion** Miller, second Blood to grant operator licenses to Leanne Laufenberg and Elizabeth Edwards. **Motion carried.**

**PAYMENT OF INVOICES:** **Motion** Anderson, second Bartlett to approve the invoices as presented. **Roll call vote:** Yes-Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Blood, Miller, Wiederholt, and Hackl. No-none. **Motion carried.**

**CLOSED SESSION MATTERS:**

Lead Lineman pay increase: Wis. SS 19.85(1)(c)

Parking lot ownership between Bender Foods & Vicki's Cozy Café: Wis. SS 19.85(1)(e)

Revolving Loan application #20-02: Wis. SS 19.85(1)(f)

Revolving Loan fund payment updates: Wis. SS 19.85(1)(f)

**Motion** Miller, second Anderson to adjourn into closed session for discussion and action on Lead Lineman pay increase pursuant to SS 19.85(1)(c); parking lot ownership between Bender Foods & Vicki's Cozy Café pursuant to SS 19.85(1)(e); Revolving Loan application #20-03, and receive

update on Revolving Loan payments pursuant to SS 19.85(1)(f). **Roll call vote: Yes-Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Blood, Miller, Wiederholt and Hackl. No-none. Motion carried.**

Chief Schramm left at this time.

**Lead Lineman pay increase:** During 2020 budget discussions, the Village Board approved Kevin Ekleberry as Lead Lineman and to review his job performance in July, 2020 for a possible .15 cent per hour increase to start July 1, 2020.

**Parking lot ownership between Bender Foods and Vicki's Cozy Café:** ..... It is now a civil matter and the Village is not involved.

**Discussion on Revolving Loan application #20-02:**

**Update on Revolving Loan payments:** Johnson reported that two payments were made by ..... and is now only three weeks delinquent.

**RETURN TO AND RECONVENING IN OPEN SESSION: Motion** Miller, second Anderson to reconvene into open session. **Roll call vote: Yes-Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Blood, Miller, Wiederholt and Hackl. No-none. Motion carried.**

**Motion** Miller, second Anderson to approve a .15 per hour wage increase for the Lead Lineman Kevin Ekleberry effective July 1, 2020. **Roll call vote: Yes-Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Blood, Miller, Wiederholt and Hackl. No-none. Motion carried.**

**Motion** Wiederholt, second Anderson to deny Revolving Loan application #20-02. **Roll call vote: Yes-Anderson, Bartlett, Bindl, Blood, Miller, Wiederholt and Hackl. No-none. Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion** Anderson, second Miller to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

  

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Cinda Johnson, Village Administrator